Assembly Bill No. 1527

CHAPTER 700

An act to amend Sections 7574.14 and 7582.2 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Sections 626.92, 16520, 16750, 16850, and 17295 of, to add Sections 16505, 26366.5, 26390, and 26391 to, and to add Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) to Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of, the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

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AB 1527, Portantino. Firearms.

Existing law prohibits, with exceptions, a person from possessing a firearm in a place that the person knows or reasonably should know is a school zone, as defined.

This bill would, additionally, exempt a security guard authorized to openly carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun and an honorably retired peace officer authorized to openly carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun from that prohibition.

Existing law, subject to certain exceptions, makes it an offense for a person to carry an exposed and unloaded handgun on his or her person outside a motor vehicle or inside or on a motor vehicle in public areas and public streets, as specified.

This bill would exempt a person from the crime of openly carrying an unloaded handgun if he or she is in compliance with specified provisions relating to carrying a handgun in an airport or the open carrying of an unloaded handgun by a licensed hunter while actually engaged in training a hunting dog or while transporting the handgun while going to or from that training.

This bill would, subject to exceptions, make it a misdemeanor for a person to carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun on his or her person outside a motor vehicle in an incorporated city or city and county and would make it a misdemeanor with specified penalties if a person carries an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun outside a motor vehicle in an incorporated city or city and county and the person at the same time possesses ammunition capable of being discharged from the unloaded firearm that is not a handgun, and the person is not in lawful possession of the unloaded firearm that is not a handgun, as specified.

By creating a new offense, and expanding the scope of existing crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would make conforming technical changes.

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This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 16520 of the Penal Code proposed by SB 1366, that would become operative only if SB 1366 and this bill are both enacted, both bills become effective on or before January 1, 2013, and this bill is enacted last.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7574.14 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7574.14. This chapter shall not apply to the following:

- (a) An officer or employee of the United States of America, or of this state or a political subdivision thereof, while the officer or employee is engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, including uniformed peace officers employed part time by a public agency pursuant to a written agreement between a chief of police or sheriff and the public agency, provided the part-time employment does not exceed 50 hours in a calendar month.
- (b) A person engaged exclusively in the business of obtaining and furnishing information as to the financial rating of persons.
- (c) A charitable philanthropic society or association incorporated under the laws of this state that is organized and duly maintained for the public good and not for private profit.
- (d) Patrol special police officers appointed by the police commission of a city, county, or city and county under the express terms of its charter who also under the express terms of the charter (1) are subject to suspension or dismissal after a hearing on charges duly filed with the commission after a fair and impartial trial, (2) must be not less than 18 years of age nor more than 40 years of age, (3) must possess physical qualifications prescribed by the commission, and (4) are designated by the police commission as the owners of a certain beat or territory as may be fixed from time to time by the police commission.
- (e) An attorney at law in performing his or her duties as an attorney at law.
- (f) A collection agency or an employee thereof while acting within the scope of his or her employment, while making an investigation incidental to the business of the agency, including an investigation of the location of a debtor or his or her property where the contract with an assignor creditor is for the collection of claims owed or due or asserted to be owed or due or the equivalent thereof.
- (g) Admitted insurers and agents and insurance brokers licensed by the state, performing duties in connection with insurance transacted by them.

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- (h) A bank subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the State of California under Division 1 (commencing with Section 99) of the Financial Code or the Comptroller of Currency of the United States.
- (i) A person engaged solely in the business of securing information about persons or property from public records.
- (j) A peace officer of this state or a political subdivision thereof while the peace officer is employed by a private employer to engage in off-duty employment in accordance with Section 1126 of the Government Code. However, nothing herein shall exempt such a peace officer who either contracts for his or her services or the services of others as a private patrol operator or contracts for his or her services as or is employed as an armed private security officer. For purposes of this subdivision, "armed security officer" means an individual who carries or uses a firearm in the course and scope of that contract or employment.
- (k) A retired peace officer of the state or political subdivision thereof when the retired peace officer is employed by a private employer in employment approved by the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction where the employment takes place, provided that the retired officer is in a uniform of a public law enforcement agency, has registered with the bureau on a form approved by the director, and has met any training requirements or their equivalent as established for security personnel under Section 7583.5. This officer may not carry an unloaded and exposed handgun unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 26361) of Chapter 6 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, may not carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 26405) of Chapter 7 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, and may not carry a loaded or concealed firearm unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Sections 25450 to 25475, inclusive, of the Penal Code or Sections 25900 to 25910, inclusive, of the Penal Code or has met the requirements set forth in subdivision (d) of Section 26030 of the Penal Code. However, nothing herein shall exempt the retired peace officer who contracts for his or her services or the services of others as a private patrol operator.
- (*l*) A licensed insurance adjuster in performing his or her duties within the scope of his or her license as an insurance adjuster.
- (m) A savings association subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or the Office of Thrift Supervision.
- (n) A secured creditor engaged in the repossession of the creditor's collateral and a lessor engaged in the repossession of leased property in which it claims an interest.
- (o) A peace officer in his or her official police uniform acting in accordance with subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 70 of the Penal Code.
- (p) An unarmed, uniformed security person employed exclusively and regularly by a motion picture studio facility employer who does not provide contract security services for other entities or persons in connection with

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the affairs of that employer only and where there exists an employer-employee relationship if that person at no time carries or uses a deadly weapon, as defined in subdivision (a), in the performance of his or her duties, which may include, but are not limited to, the following business purposes:

- (1) The screening and monitoring access of employees of the same employer.
- (2) The screening and monitoring access of prearranged and preauthorized invited guests.
 - (3) The screening and monitoring of vendors and suppliers.
- (4) Patrolling the private property facilities for the safety and welfare of all who have been legitimately authorized to have access to the facility.
- (q) An armored contract carrier operating armored vehicles pursuant to the authority of the Department of the California Highway Patrol or the Public Utilities Commission, or an armored vehicle guard employed by an armored contract carrier.
- SEC. 2. Section 7582.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 7582.2. This chapter does not apply to the following:
- (a) A person who does not meet the requirements to be a proprietary private security officer, as defined in Section 7574.01, and is employed exclusively and regularly by an employer who does not provide contract security services for other entities or persons, in connection with the affairs of the employer only and where there exists an employer-employee relationship if that person at no time carries or uses a deadly weapon in the performance of his or her duties. For purposes of this subdivision, "deadly weapon" is defined to include an instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a blackjack, slungshot, billy, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, a dirk, dagger, pistol, revolver, or any other firearm, a knife having a blade longer than five inches, a razor with an unguarded blade, and a metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club.
- (b) An officer or employee of the United States of America, or of this state or a political subdivision thereof, while the officer or employee is engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, including uniformed peace officers employed part time by a public agency pursuant to a written agreement between a chief of police or sheriff and the public agency, provided the part-time employment does not exceed 50 hours in any calendar month
- (c) A person engaged exclusively in the business of obtaining and furnishing information as to the financial rating of persons.
- (d) A charitable philanthropic society or association duly incorporated under the laws of this state that is organized and maintained for the public good and not for private profit.
- (e) Patrol special police officers appointed by the police commission of a city, county, or city and county under the express terms of its charter who also under the express terms of the charter (1) are subject to suspension or dismissal after a hearing on charges duly filed with the commission after a

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fair and impartial trial, (2) must be not less than 18 years of age nor more than 40 years of age, (3) must possess physical qualifications prescribed by the commission, and (4) are designated by the police commission as the owners of a certain beat or territory as may be fixed from time to time by the police commission.

- (f) An attorney at law in performing his or her duties as an attorney at law.
- (g) A collection agency or an employee thereof while acting within the scope of his or her employment, while making an investigation incidental to the business of the agency, including an investigation of the location of a debtor or his or her property where the contract with an assignor creditor is for the collection of claims owed or due or asserted to be owed or due or the equivalent thereof.
- (h) Admitted insurers and agents and insurance brokers licensed by the state, performing duties in connection with insurance transacted by them.
- (i) A bank subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions of the State of California under Division 1 (commencing with Section 99) of the Financial Code or the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States.
- (j) A person engaged solely in the business of securing information about persons or property from public records.
- (k) A peace officer of this state or a political subdivision thereof while the peace officer is employed by a private employer to engage in off-duty employment in accordance with Section 1126 of the Government Code. However, nothing herein shall exempt a peace officer who either contracts for his or her services or the services of others as a private patrol operator or contracts for his or her services as or is employed as an armed private security officer. For purposes of this subdivision, "armed security officer" means an individual who carries or uses a firearm in the course and scope of that contract or employment.
- (1) A retired peace officer of the state or political subdivision thereof when the retired peace officer is employed by a private employer in employment approved by the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction where the employment takes place, provided that the retired officer is in a uniform of a public law enforcement agency, has registered with the bureau on a form approved by the director, and has met any training requirements or their equivalent as established for security personnel under Section 7583.5. This officer may not carry an unloaded and exposed handgun unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 26361) of Chapter 6 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, may not carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 26405) of Chapter 7 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, and may not carry a loaded or concealed firearm unless he or she is exempted under the provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 25450) of Chapter 2 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code or Sections 25900 to 25910, inclusive, of the Penal Code or has met the requirements

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set forth in subdivision (d) of Section 26030 of the Penal Code. However, nothing herein shall exempt the retired peace officer who contracts for his or her services or the services of others as a private patrol operator.

- (m) A licensed insurance adjuster in performing his or her duties within the scope of his or her license as an insurance adjuster.
- (n) A savings association subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or the Office of Thrift Supervision.
- (o) A secured creditor engaged in the repossession of the creditor's collateral and a lessor engaged in the repossession of leased property in which it claims an interest.
- (p) A peace officer in his or her official police uniform acting in accordance with subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 70 of the Penal Code.
- (q) An unarmed, uniformed security person employed exclusively and regularly by a motion picture studio facility employer who does not provide contract security services for other entities or persons in connection with the affairs of that employer only and where there exists an employer-employee relationship if that person at no time carries or uses a deadly weapon, as defined in subdivision (a), in the performance of his or her duties, which may include, but are not limited to, the following business purposes:
- (1) The screening and monitoring access of employees of the same employer.
- (2) The screening and monitoring access of prearranged and preauthorized invited guests.
 - (3) The screening and monitoring of vendors and suppliers.
- (4) Patrolling the private property facilities for the safety and welfare of all who have been legitimately authorized to have access to the facility.
- (r) The changes made to this section by the act adding this subdivision during the 2005–06 Regular Session of the Legislature shall apply as follows:
- (1) On and after July 1, 2006, to a person hired as a security officer on and after January 1, 2006.
- (2) On and after January 1, 2007, to a person hired as a security officer before January 1, 2006.
 - SEC. 3. Section 626.92 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
 - 626.92. Section 626.9 does not apply to or affect any of the following:
- (a) A security guard authorized to openly carry an unloaded handgun pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6.
- (b) An honorably retired peace officer authorized to openly carry an unloaded handgun pursuant to Section 26361.
- (c) A security guard authorized to openly carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6.
- (d) An honorably retired peace officer authorized to openly carry an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun pursuant to Section 26405.
 - SEC. 4. Section 16505 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

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- 16505. For purposes of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title 4, a firearm is "encased" when that firearm is enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened with no part of that firearm exposed.
 - SEC. 5. Section 16520 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
- 16520. (a) As used in this part, "firearm" means a device, designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel, a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
- (b) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" includes the frame or receiver of the weapon:
 - (1) Section 16550.
 - (2) Section 16730.
 - (3) Section 16960.
 - (4) Section 16990.
 - (5) Section 17070.
 - (6) Section 17310.
 - (7) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
 - (8) Sections 26600 to 27140, inclusive.
 - (9) Sections 27400 to 28000, inclusive.
 - (10) Section 28100.
 - (11) Sections 28400 to 28415, inclusive.
 - (12) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
 - (13) Sections 29610 to 29750, inclusive.
 - (14) Sections 29800 to 29905, inclusive.
 - (15) Sections 30150 to 30165, inclusive.
 - (16) Section 31615.
 - (17) Sections 31705 to 31830, inclusive.
 - (18) Sections 34355 to 34370, inclusive.
 - (19) Sections 8100, 8101, and 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (c) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" also includes a rocket, rocket propelled projectile launcher, or similar device containing an explosive or incendiary material, whether or not the device is designed for emergency or distress signaling purposes:
 - (1) Section 16750.
 - (2) Subdivision (b) of Section 16840.
 - (3) Section 25400.
 - (4) Sections 25850 to 26025, inclusive.
 - (5) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 26030.
 - (6) Sections 26035 to 26055, inclusive.
- (d) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" does not include an unloaded antique firearm:
 - (1) Subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 16730.
 - (2) Section 16550.
 - (3) Section 16960.
 - (4) Section 17310.

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- (5) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title
- (6) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title
 - (7) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
 - (8) Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive.
 - (9) Section 27510.
 - (10) Section 27530.
 - (11) Section 27540.
 - (12) Section 27545.
 - (13) Sections 27555 to 27570, inclusive.
 - (14) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
- (e) As used in Sections 34005 and 34010, "firearm" does not include a destructive device.
- (f) As used in Sections 17280 and 24680, "firearm" has the same meaning as in Section 922 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
- (g) As used in Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive, "firearm" includes the unfinished frame or receiver of a weapon that can be readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame or receiver.
 - SEC. 5.5. Section 16520 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
- 16520. (a) As used in this part, "firearm" means a device, designed to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel, a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion.
- (b) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" includes the frame or receiver of the weapon:
 - (1) Section 16550.
 - (2) Section 16730.
 - (3) Section 16960.
 - (4) Section 16990.
 - (5) Section 17070.
 - (6) Section 17310.
 - (7) Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.
 - (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
 - (9) Sections 26600 to 27140, inclusive.
 - (10) Sections 27400 to 28000, inclusive.
 - (11) Section 28100.
 - (12) Sections 28400 to 28415, inclusive.
 - (13) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
 - (14) Sections 29610 to 29750, inclusive.
 - (15) Sections 29800 to 29905, inclusive.
 - (16) Sections 30150 to 30165, inclusive.
 - (17) Section 31615.
 - (18) Sections 31705 to 31830, inclusive.
 - (19) Sections 34355 to 34370, inclusive.
 - (20) Sections 8100, 8101, and 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (c) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" also includes a rocket, rocket propelled projectile launcher, or similar device containing an

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explosive or incendiary material, whether or not the device is designed for emergency or distress signaling purposes:

- (1) Section 16750.
- (2) Subdivision (b) of Section 16840.
- (3) Section 25400.
- (4) Sections 25850 to 26025, inclusive.
- (5) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 26030.
- (6) Sections 26035 to 26055, inclusive.
- (d) As used in the following provisions, "firearm" does not include an unloaded antique firearm:
 - (1) Subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 16730.
 - (2) Section 16550.
 - (3) Section 16960.
 - (4) Section 17310.
 - (5) Sections 25250 to 25256, inclusive.
 - (6) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title
- (7) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title
 - (8) Sections 26500 to 26588, inclusive.
 - (9) Sections 26700 to 26915, inclusive.
 - (10) Section 27510.
 - (11) Section 27530.
 - (12) Section 27540.
 - (13) Section 27545.
 - (14) Sections 27555 to 27570, inclusive.
 - (15) Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive.
- (e) As used in Sections 34005 and 34010, "firearm" does not include a destructive device.
- (f) As used in Sections 17280 and 24680, "firearm" has the same meaning as in Section 922 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
- (g) As used in Sections 29010 to 29150, inclusive, "firearm" includes the unfinished frame or receiver of a weapon that can be readily converted to the functional condition of a finished frame or receiver.
 - SEC. 6. Section 16750 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
- 16750. (a) As used in Section 25400, "lawful possession of the firearm" means that the person who has possession or custody of the firearm either lawfully owns the firearm or has the permission of the lawful owner or a person who otherwise has apparent authority to possess or have custody of the firearm. A person who takes a firearm without the permission of the lawful owner or without the permission of a person who has lawful custody of the firearm does not have lawful possession of the firearm.
- (b) As used in Article 2 (commencing with Section 25850), Article 3 (commencing with Section 25900), and Article 4 (commencing with Section 26000) of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of Title 4, Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title 4, and Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title 4, "lawful possession of the firearm"

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means that the person who has possession or custody of the firearm either lawfully acquired and lawfully owns the firearm or has the permission of the lawful owner or person who otherwise has apparent authority to possess or have custody of the firearm. A person who takes a firearm without the permission of the lawful owner or without the permission of a person who has lawful custody of the firearm does not have lawful possession of the firearm.

SEC. 7. Section 16850 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

16850. As used in Sections 17740, 23925, 25105, 25205, and 25610, in Article 3 (commencing with Section 25505) of Chapter 2 of Division 5 of Title 4, in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title 4, and in Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title 4, "locked container" means a secure container that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, keylock, combination lock, or similar locking device. The term "locked container" does not include the utility or glove compartment of a motor vehicle.

SEC. 8. Section 17295 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

- 17295. (a) For purposes of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 26350) of Division 5 of Title 4, a handgun shall be deemed "unloaded" if it is not "loaded" within the meaning of subdivision (b) of Section 16840.
- (b) For purposes of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) of Division 5 of Title 4, a firearm that is not a handgun shall be deemed "unloaded" if it is not "loaded" within the meaning of subdivision (b) of Section 16840.
 - SEC. 9. Section 26366.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
- 26366.5. Section 26350 does not apply to, or affect, the open carrying of an unloaded handgun by a licensed hunter while actually engaged in training a dog for the purpose of using the dog in hunting that is not prohibited by law, or while transporting the firearm while going to or returning from that training.
 - SEC. 10. Section 26390 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
- 26390. Section 26350 does not apply to, or affect, the open carrying of an unloaded handgun in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) The open carrying of an unloaded handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 18710) of Division 5 of Title 2 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 18900) of that chapter, if the carrying of that handgun is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (b) The open carrying of an unloaded handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 30500) of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 31005, if the carrying of that handgun is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (c) The open carrying of an unloaded handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 32610) of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 32650, if the carrying is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

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- (d) The open carrying of an unloaded handgun that is regulated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 33300) of Chapter 8 of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 33300, if the carrying of that handgun is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
 - SEC. 11. Section 26391 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
- 26391. Section 26350 does not apply to, or affect, the open carrying of an unloaded handgun when done in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (d) of Section 171.5.
- SEC. 12. Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 26400) is added to Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the Penal Code, to read:
 - Chapter 7. Carrying an Unloaded Firearm That is not a Handgun in an Incorporated City or City and County
 - Article 1. Crime of Carrying an Unloaded Firearm that is not a Handgun in an Incorporated City or City and County
- 26400. (a) A person is guilty of carrying an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun in an incorporated city or city and county when that person carries upon his or her person an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun outside a vehicle while in the incorporated city or city and county.
- (b) (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2), a violation of this section is a misdemeanor.
- (2) A violation of subdivision (a) is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment, if the firearm and unexpended ammunition capable of being discharged from that firearm are in the immediate possession of the person and the person is not in lawful possession of that firearm.
- (c) (1) Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 29800) or Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 29900) of Division 9, Section 8100 or 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or any other law with a penalty greater than is set forth in this section.
- (2) The provisions of this section are cumulative and shall not be construed as restricting the application of any other law. However, an act or omission punishable in different ways by different provisions of law shall not be punished under more than one provision.
- (d) Notwithstanding the fact that the term "an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun" is used in this section, each individual firearm shall constitute a distinct and separate offense under this section.

Article 2. Exemptions

26405. Section 26400 does not apply to, or affect, the carrying of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun in any of the following circumstances:

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- (a) By a person when done within a place of business, a place of residence, or on private property, if that person, by virtue of subdivision (a) of Section 25605, may carry a firearm within that place of business, place of residence, or on that private property owned or lawfully possessed by that person.
- (b) By a person when done within a place of business, a place of residence, or on private property, if done with the permission of a person who, by virtue of subdivision (a) of Section 25605, may carry a firearm within that place of business, place of residence, or on that private property owned or lawfully possessed by that person.
- (c) When the firearm is either in a locked container or encased and it is being transported directly between places where a person is not prohibited from possessing that firearm and the course of travel shall include only those deviations between authorized locations as are reasonably necessary under the circumstances.
- (d) If the person possessing the firearm reasonably believes that he or she is in grave danger because of circumstances forming the basis of a current restraining order issued by a court against another person or persons who has or have been found to pose a threat to his or her life or safety. This paragraph may not apply when the circumstances involve a mutual restraining order issued pursuant to Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code absent a factual finding of a specific threat to the person's life or safety. Upon a trial for violating subdivision (a), the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant was acting out of a reasonable belief that he or she was in grave danger.
- (e) By a peace officer or an honorably retired peace officer if that officer may carry a concealed firearm pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 25450) of Chapter 2, or a loaded firearm pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 25900) of Chapter 3.
- (f) By a person to the extent that person may openly carry a loaded firearm that is not a handgun pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 26000) of Chapter 3.
- (g) As merchandise by a person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing, importing, wholesaling, repairing, or dealing in firearms and who is licensed to engage in that business, or the authorized representative or authorized agent of that person, while engaged in the lawful course of the business.
- (h) By a duly authorized military or civil organization, or the members thereof, while parading or while rehearsing or practicing parading, when at the meeting place of the organization.
- (i) By a member of a club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while the members are using handguns upon the target ranges or incident to the use of a firearm that is not a handgun at that target range.
- (j) By a licensed hunter while engaged in hunting or while transporting that firearm when going to or returning from that hunting expedition.

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- (k) Incident to transportation of a handgun by a person operating a licensed common carrier, or by an authorized agent or employee thereof, when transported in conformance with applicable federal law.
- (*l*) By a member of an organization chartered by the Congress of the United States or a nonprofit mutual or public benefit corporation organized and recognized as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service while on official parade duty or ceremonial occasions of that organization or while rehearsing or practicing for official parade duty or ceremonial occasions.
- (m) Within a gun show conducted pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 27200) and Article 2 (commencing with Section 27300) of Chapter 3 of Division 6.
- (n) Within a school zone, as defined in Section 626.9, with the written permission of the school district superintendent, the superintendent's designee, or equivalent school authority.
 - (o) When in accordance with the provisions of Section 171b.
- (p) By a person while engaged in the act of making or attempting to make a lawful arrest.
- (q) By a person engaged in firearms-related activities, while on the premises of a fixed place of business that is licensed to conduct and conducts, as a regular course of its business, activities related to the sale, making, repair, transfer, pawn, or the use of firearms, or related to firearms training.
- (r) By an authorized participant in, or an authorized employee or agent of a supplier of firearms for, a motion picture, television or video production, or entertainment event, when the participant lawfully uses that firearm as part of that production or event, as part of rehearsing or practicing for participation in that production or event, or while the participant or authorized employee or agent is at that production or event, or rehearsal or practice for that production or event.
- (s) Incident to obtaining an identification number or mark assigned for that firearm from the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 23910.
- (t) At an established public target range while the person is using that firearm upon that target range.
- (u) By a person when that person is summoned by a peace officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace, while the person is actually engaged in assisting that officer.
 - (v) Incident to any of the following:
 - (1) Complying with Section 27560 or 27565, as it pertains to that firearm.
 - (2) Section 28000, as it pertains to that firearm.
 - (3) Section 27850 or 31725, as it pertains to that firearm.
 - (4) Complying with Section 27870 or 27875, as it pertains to that firearm.
- (5) Complying with Section 27915, 27920, or 27925, as it pertains to that firearm.
- (w) Incident to, and in the course and scope of, training of, or by an individual to become a sworn peace officer as part of a course of study approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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- (x) Incident to, and in the course and scope of, training of, or by an individual to become licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 26150) as part of a course of study necessary or authorized by the person authorized to issue the license pursuant to that chapter.
- (y) Incident to and at the request of a sheriff, chief, or other head of a municipal police department.
 - (z) If all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) The open carrying occurs at an auction or similar event of a nonprofit public benefit or mutual benefit corporation at which firearms are auctioned or otherwise sold to fund the activities of that corporation or the local chapters of that corporation.
- (2) The unloaded firearm that is not a handgun is to be auctioned or otherwise sold for that nonprofit public benefit or mutual benefit corporation.
- (3) The unloaded firearm that is not a handgun is to be delivered by a person licensed pursuant to, and operating in accordance with, Sections 26700 to 26925, inclusive.
 - (aa) Pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 171c.
 - (ab) Pursuant to Section 171d.
- (ac) Pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 171.7.
- (ad) On publicly owned land, if the possession and use of unloaded firearm that is not a handgun is specifically permitted by the managing agency of the land and the person carrying that firearm is in lawful possession of that firearm.
 - (ae) By any of the following:
- (1) The carrying of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 18710) of Division 5 of Title 2 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 18900) of that chapter, if the carrying of that firearm is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (2) The carrying of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 30500) of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 31005, if the carrying of that firearm is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (3) The carrying of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 32610) of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 32650, if the carrying of that firearm is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (4) The carrying of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun that is regulated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 33300) of Chapter 8 of Division 10 by a person who holds a permit issued pursuant to Section 33300, if the carrying of that firearm is conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

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- (af) By a licensed hunter while actually engaged in training a dog for the purpose of using the dog in hunting that is not prohibited by law, or while transporting the firearm while going to or returning from that training.
 - (ag) Pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (d) of Section 171.5.
- (ah) By a person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing ammunition and who is licensed to engage in that business, or the authorized representative or authorized agent of that person, while the firearm is being used in the lawful course and scope of the licensee's activities as a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 44 (commencing with Section 921) of Title 18 of the United States Code and regulations issued pursuant thereto.
- (ai) On the navigable waters of this state that are held in public trust, if the possession and use of an unloaded firearm that is not a handgun is not prohibited by the managing agency thereof and the person carrying the firearm is in lawful possession of the firearm.
- SEC. 13. Section 5.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 16520 of the Penal Code proposed by both this bill and Senate Bill 1366. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2013, (2) each bill amends Section 16520 of the Penal Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 1366, in which case Section 5 of this bill shall not become operative.
- SEC. 14. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.